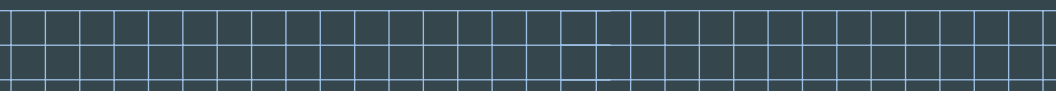


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CHURCH PROSPECTUS  
2017



*Not only is Denver one of the most strategic and unreached cities in the United States, but I think Josh is a uniquely gifted and called leader to meet this need. Josh's authenticity and likability combined with his proven track record and leadership gifts, make him an exciting addition to seeing God's mission advance in our city. I believe it's a great use of any church's resources to consider investing in him as he labors to advance the Great Commission in this city of great need and influence.*

**BRYAN BARLEY**  
PASTOR  
SUMMIT CHURCH OF DENVER

*I am so thankful that God has called Josh and Sarah to plant a new church in Denver. Josh is an authentic, real, and growing leader. Josh is a good communicator that has been shaped by great influential and gifted leaders in our city and from his sending church. Josh has a heart for the city and deep desire to impact people with the gospel and make disciples.*

**DAVE HOWETH**  
DENVER STRATEGIST  
NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

*When Josh and Sarah Cook jumped into our ministry in New Orleans they made an immediate impact. We knew that God had big plans for this family. I am so excited to see this impact multiply to Denver and I believe that many people in that city are going to meet Jesus through this new church. Vintage Church is pumped to partner with this new work. Join us!!!*

**ROB WILTON**  
PASTOR  
VINTAGE CHURCH OF NEW ORLEANS

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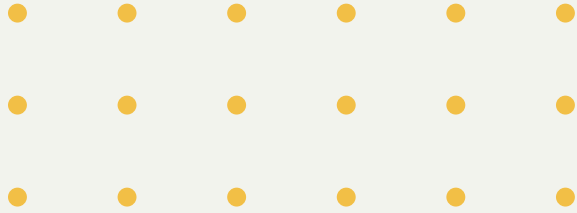
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## Who We Are

A FAMILY  
DEFINED BY THE LOVE OF GOD  
COMMITTED TO GIVING IT AWAY



## What We Do

### GATHERINGS

We gather together for worshipping God, learning from scripture, celebrating Jesus' work for us, and enjoying one another.

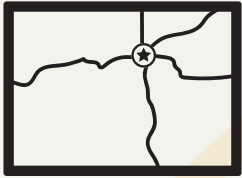
### GROUPS

In groups, we observe a weekly rhythm of sharing lives, studying scripture, serving our community, and celebrating with each other.

### INTENTIONAL LIVING

We seek to live as good Kingdom citizens in our homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, and our world.





# Denver is...



# West Colfax is...



## Growing

Denver grew by 100,000 people last year and is consistently listed among the most attractive cities in the country. From 2010 to 2030, the city is expected to grow by 40%.



## Non-Religious

Although it is the 19th largest city in the US, Denver has the 4th largest population of people who identify as religious “nones,” or those who identify as having no religious affiliation.



## Growing Rapidly

The neighborhood is slated for 1,000 new residences by 2020 with a 15% yearly increase in population.



## Under-Served

There are currently no Evangelical churches in West Colfax and less than 5 in the surrounding neighborhoods.



## Pioneering

All eyes are on Denver as the largest city in the heart of the country and a launchpad for culture, ideas, economy, and change. Denver is a strategic place for the Gospel to take root and bear fruit across the country and the world.



## Rewriting its Story

In the past, West Colfax has been defined by its crime and homelessness, by its deep class and ethnic divisions, or by its identity as a forgotten thoroughfare to the mountains. Today that story is being re-written as an attractive, unified, sustainable community.



## Josh and Sarah...

fell in love with each other over a mutual love of God and a commitment to serving his Kingdom. They met in college and were married a year after graduating, and then they packed up and headed off to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. There they fell in love with cities and church planting as they served at Vintage Church in various capacities for 4 years. They were first attracted to Denver for its beauty, broken-hearted for its need for the love of God, and ultimately called to take part in rewriting its story. They were sent out in October of 2016 with a 4 month old daughter, Evie, on their hip and a dream in their hearts.



## Joshua Cook: Lead Pastor

### EDUCATION

B.B.A.—Mercer University

M.Div—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

### EXPERIENCE

Ingleside Baptist Church (2007-2011)

Vintage Church (2012-2016)

### STRENGTHSFINDER

Strategic  
Ideation  
Input  
Connectedness  
Adaptability

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Vision  
Hospitality  
Teaching





## 5 Dreams for the Next 5 Years

1. BECOME ESSENTIAL TO OUR COMMUNITY
2. PARTNER WITH A NEW CHURCH MOVEMENT ABROAD
3. FAITHFULLY REPRESENT OUR COMMUNITY
4. BECOME FINANCIALLY SELF-SUSTAINING
5. MULTIPLY OURSELVES INTO A NEW CHURCH PLANT

## Timeline

### I. INTRODUCE (MAY-AUGUST 2017)

Serve community so that the first time they hear “Dwell Church” it has a positive connotation.

Meet occasionally as a core group praying for our city, studying God’s Word, and coming together as a family.

Become experts on our community by listening, researching, and meeting new people.

### II. INTEGRATE (SEPTEMBER 2017-JANUARY 2018)

Meet regularly and multiply small groups into two homes in the community.

Begin monthly worship gatherings to begin setting tone and character of the church.

Begin small group rhythm of monthly service, celebration, and study together.

### III. IMPRESS (FEBRUARY 2018-FEBRUARY 2019)

Launch weekly worship gathering and solidify regular meeting space.

Multiply small groups into 3 different homes with 3 different leaders and hosts.

Hire second staff member to help lead groups.



## Partnership:

### WHAT WE BRING TO THE TABLE:

#### Innovation

Established churches say, “How can we reach more and different people in our community while retaining our people and our identity?” Church plants have no constraints, established systems, routines, or identity to hold them back from creatively reaching the lost.

#### Inspiration

We are hungry to reach the lost and serve our community. Visiting, serving, or even praying for a church plant is a constant encouragement, challenge, and inspiration for Christians to live out their calling in their own churches and community.

#### Completion

We believe that every church and every believer should be focused not on building their own kingdom but on the Kingdom of God. Helping us helps you do that! We can be the Samaria in your Acts 1:8 strategy.

## Partnership:

### WHAT YOU BRING TO THE TABLE:

#### Prayer

We need your prayers! We believe that prayer works and that the only way that this works is if we have a community of prayer surrounding us.

#### Participation

Participation has the most potential for creativity! Here are just a few examples: mission trips, staff consulting, college internships, encouragement trips, or even moving to Denver to join Dwell Church.

#### Investment

Model for your church what it means to use God-given resources for Kingdom impact. Typical amounts range from \$250/month to \$3,000/month to achieve our 5 year, \$750,000 goal.



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